THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Anti smuggling activities have been intensified at all vulnerable areas including International Airports/ Seaports. Ships and flights coming from sensitive places are thoroughly rummaged. The measures include greater surveillance, intensified intelligence collection, increased use of baggage x-ray machines and metal detectors, greater coordination between various Central and State agencies.

Schools set up by ISI to train smugglers

123. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item published in the Indian Express dated 24th September, 1994 captioned "ISI sets up schools to train smugglers";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether Government have taken this matter with Government of Pakistan; and

(e) if so, the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Government of India is aware of Pakistan's continued support to subversion and terrorism directed towards India Government have on several occasions and at various levels strongly urged Pakistan to stop this support, which is otally unacceptable and is in violation of the universally acceptable and is in violation of the universally accepted norms of inter-State conduct and the provisions of the Simla Agreement.

Setting up of the schools for training of smugglers have not come to the notice of the Government. Trans-border smugglers and couriers are, however, reported to be frequently exploited by Pak ISI and Pakistan military intelligence operative to carry out espionage. The State Police Intelligence and Special Branches have been sensitised from time to time regarding the Pakistan and Intelligence operatives and wherever leads are picked up the same are vigorously pursued. Close liaision, wherever required, is being maintained with the State Police intelligence/ Special Branches.

Sealing of Border with Bhutan

124. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the increasing security threat in north-east, the Assam Government has approached the centre to seal the border with Bhutan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) On the report of and in consultation with the State Government of Assam, BSF contingents have been deployed at a large number of entry points on the Indo-Bhutan Border in Assam to curb and control the activities of militants.

Involement of Delhi Police Personenel in Crimes

125. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that involvement of Delhi Police personnel in crimes like corruption & rape has shown a rise;

(b) if so, the number of cases in which the Delhi Police personnel were found involved in such crimes since the beginning of 1994 as compared to the corresponding period in 1993;

(c) what action has been taken by Government to check the criminal tendencies among the police personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No. Sir. During the period from 1.1.94 to 31-10-94, 31 police personnels have been found involved in 20 corruption and rape cases while 36 police personnels were involved in 23 cases of corruption adn rape cases during the corresponding period from 1-1-93 to 31-10-93.

(c) With a view to curb involvement of policemen in crime and to retain public confidence in police, the police department has been taking exemplary deterrent action including disciplinary proceedings in all cases where policemen are found involved in crimes The department is revising the training syllabus, both for initial training and refresher courses, to bring about the required behavioural changes among policemen. Besides briefing is also being given by senior officers to the members of the force through Sampark Sabhas-Accessibility of senior officers to public is on the increase and a close watch is being kept on the conduct to policemen particularly those with doubtful integrity, by the Vigilance Branch and the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Government.

Sale of Five Islands in Andamans

126. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five sensitive islands in the Andamans have been sold out—four to M/s. Imperial Granite Co. of Madras and one to Capt. Kesri Noble:

(b) if so the circumstances under which the sale of islands took place and the conditions laid down about it.

(c) whether this sale had prior approval of Central Government or it was done by the Island Admn.: and

(d) what is the present status of these five islands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Atrocities against women

127. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of atrocities of dalits, backwards, scheduled castes; scheduled tribes; women etc. are on the increased in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the number of cases of atrocities on women, stripping; killing; etc. in the country; State-wise and UT-wise, in the last twelve months and how do these compare with the preceeding three year;

(c) the action Government of India has taken to check such crimes and the number of people who have been punished therefor giving details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (c) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes, including crimes against women, is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crime. The Dowry Prohibition Act (1961) was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the